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Majority prices were higher in the West, but unchanged in the Mid-West and East when compared to the previous week. Trade sentiment was generally steady to fully steady. Retail demand improved in late week business, but was still slow to moderate at most locations. Food service was irregular, but best into fast food channels. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was fair to moderately active. Wings were mixed, but usually available. Boneless skinless breasts were at least sufficient, and other breast items were adequate for most needs. Dark meat cuts were generally adequate, although thigh meat was in fair balance. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 26-FEB-2007 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	73.00-76.00	67.00-83.00	75.43	28
New York	76.00-79.00			
Los Angeles	82.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	75.00-76.00	71.00-83.00	75.06	96
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 75.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
883	63.00-78.00	74.66
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		
	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	187.00	1,109
BREASTS - B/S	159.50	5,008
BREASTS - WHOLE	100.00	1,114
THIGH MEAT - B/S	107.50	1,011
LEG QUARTERS	42.00	7,994
WINGS	134.00	2,435

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was mixed, and usually reported as steady in the East, but firm in the West. Retail demand improved in late week over mid-week but was still generally noted as light to moderate. Food service was fair to moderate, best where fast food promotions were in progress. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient for trade requirements. In the parts structure, movement was slow to fairly good. Boneless skinless breasts were at least sufficient, other breast items were close balanced to adequate. Dark meat items were adequate to very close balance especially on boneless. Wings were mixed but available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend and was noted as light to instances moderate. Offerings were fully sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. Fast food interest was fair to moderate. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts, tenders and thigh meat were in good balance to well cleared. Boneless skinless breast and most dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were available and slow to clear.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices were higher throughout the region. Trading reported for next weeks' delivery at higher prices on regular commitments and mixed on new negotiations. Buying activity was fair with buyers' needs moderate at best. Offerings were generally adequate for trade interest. Retailer demand was light to fairly good best for parts, particularly where featured. Dealers anticipated desirable weekend carryovers. Trade sentiments were generally steady on parts.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices into the Chicago area for next week were unchanged. Whole broiler/fryer market tone ended the week steady. Offers were light to moderate on continued very light trade inquiry. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate overall with occasional fairly good demand noted into some restaurants and fast food. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate; weights mostly desirable. Supplies of large wings were ample and discounted. Tenderloins were snug and remaining parts were available. The market tone was weak on large wings, steady to barely steady on regular wings, and mostly steady on all other parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings were usually sufficient for immediate trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 77 to 87 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. In the parts complex, wings were available. The balance of parts were adequate and clearing well.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	74-92
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	02/19/07 - 02/23/07
	02/20/06 - 02/24/06
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	02/19/07 - 02/23/07
	02/20/06 - 02/24/06
	(A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS

FEB 22

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

FEB 23

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD	POUNDS			WTD	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		AVG	(000)	RANGE		MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	582	136.00-220.00	-	152.61	502	148.00-220.00	-	152.77	2,378	153.00
TENDERLOINS	173	170.00-225.00	-	178.45	183	172.00-235.00	-	187.68	847	179.99
BREAST - LINE RUN	130	95.00-102.00	-	98.62	TOO FEW TO REPORT				380	98.72
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				315	93.94
LEGS	163	53.00-61.00	54-55	54.37	TOO FEW TO REPORT				590	54.17
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	599	36.00-42.00	39-41	39.66	574	36.00-42.00	39-40	39.47	2,273	39.74
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	774	38.00-44.00	42-43	42.19	374	38.00-44.00	42-43	42.26	2,634	42.30
WINGS (WHOLE)	335	100.00-132.00	-	110.03	295	102.00-132.00	-	110.81	1,107	107.06
WINGS (CUT)	240	123.00-149.00	-	134.27	240	121.00-149.00	-	136.98	956	136.82
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				266	41.14
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				185	43.90
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				331	103.78

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					
TRADING FOR FEB 22, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR FEB 23, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
65.00 - 69.00	67.33	65.00 - 69.00	67.17	67.01

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying interest increased slightly under normal weekend business and was noted as fair to moderate. Offerings of bone-in breasts, tenders and thigh meat were in close balance to well cleared. Boneless skinless breasts and most dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were available with some discounting noted. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair at best with limited features noted. The market tone was at least steady to fully steady for tenders and bone-in breasts; generally steady on the dark meat cuts. Wings were barely steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

FEB 22

FEB 23

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160-165	150.49	596,538		160-165	152.01	527,530		151.13	2,757,582
TENDERLOINS	175	169.67	109,340		175	173.98	116,606		169.82	540,866
BREAST - WITH RIBS	99-100	103.39	85,400		99-100	105.71	82,200		104.45	428,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	101.89	81,000		99	101.50	90,000		101.42	394,200
LEGS	54-55	56.51	67,280		54-55	56.90	116,840		54.78	651,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	42.00	187,760		41-42	40.75	230,600		40.30	1,362,452
DRUMSTICKS	47-48	54.23	52,248		47-48	53.58	87,720		53.55	385,455
THIGHS	51-52	57.14	50,360		51-52	56.67	66,760		56.23	319,400
B/S THIGHS	110-111	101.48	89,000		110-111	112.31	26,000		102.40	419,100
WINGS (WHOLE)	128-129	123.84	198,080		128-129	120.29	180,560		123.36	872,020
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.89	14,240		10-12	10.41	18,000		10.77	93,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.60	9,160		35-40	36.87	9,400		38.46	48,960
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	50.97	21,480		45-50	50.26	58,680		50.34	144,520

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG
	02/23	02/22	02/21	02/20	02/21	02/20	02/16	02/14	WTS
Alabama	3,955	3,941	3,367	3,873	5.67	5.50	4,382	5.49	
Arkansas	4,775	5,132	4,893	5,087	5.10	5.18	4,912	5.13	
Delmarva	2,084	2,136	2,120	2,105	5.71	5.65	2,030	5.63	
KY-LA-TN	2,284	2,278	1,983	2,309	4.87	5.02	2,322	4.92	
Mississippi	3,055	3,042	2,907	3,016	5.56	5.51	2,729	5.56	
North Carolina	2,622	2,621	2,658	2,618	6.71	6.85	2,673	6.97	
Texas	2,499	2,491	2,519	2,495	5.15	5.23	2,466	5.23	
Total	21,274	21,641	20,447	21,503	5.52	5.52	21,514	5.53	
Mon-Fri	106,732(A)						106,044(A)		
Saturday	601(included in total for date shown)						381		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Feb-07 and 24-Feb-07 is estimated to be 31,828,000 head down 1.41 percent from a week ago and down -5.93 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,284,000, last year 33,835,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 24-Feb-07 is estimated to be 159,055,000 head up 0.13 percent from a week ago, and up 0.39 percent from a year ago. (Last week 158,852,000, last year 158,438,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	ICE PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	110-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	98
DUCKS	ICE PACK	111-118
	ICE PACK	86-100
	DRY PACK	100-107
	DRY PACK	185-195

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection,

Week ending 17-Feb-07

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26- 6.26 lbs	(C) 6.26- 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
	Thousands				
(Preliminary)					
Head	44,903	86,838	13,957	13,154	158,852
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.44	6.89	8.90	5.40
% of total /1	28%	55%	9%	8%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	44,640	84,897	16,277	11,687	157,501
Avg Live Wgt	3.79	5.48	6.92	8.14	5.35
% of total /1	28%	54%	10%	8%	100%
Year Ago 2/	47,916	74,590	25,032	14,856	162,394
Avg Live Wgt	3.80	5.35	6.85	8.13	5.38
% of total /1	30%	46%	15%	9%	100%

To date/2007	288,769	577,137	131,733	79,327	1,076,966
To date/2006	324,387	526,565	164,557	109,448	1,124,957

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.

(B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.

(C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 17-Feb-07

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	THOUSANDS				
(Preliminary)					
Head	158,852	1,105	1,327	2,432	490
Avg Wt	5.40	3.33	8.14	5.95	6.76
Last week	157,501	1,121	1,435	2,556	502
Same wk yr ago	162,394	1,029	1,294	2,323	522
Avg Wt	5.38	3.74	7.93	6.07	5.99
To-date/2007	1,076,966	7,593	9,475	17,068	3,599
To-date/2006	1,124,957	9,388	9,593	18,981	3,459

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.8 million head, or 0.1 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEKENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
January 13	162.4	155.4	105%	5.42
20	152.2	159.8	95%	5.43
27	161.8	161.9	100%	5.33
February 3	157.5	162.8	97%	5.37
10	159.4	160.9	99%	5.35
17	160.8	160.7	100%	5.40
Year to date	1090.0	1111.5	98%	
February 24		162.0		
March 3		161.8		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**Under Federal Inspection**

W/E	02/24/07	02/17/07	%CHG	02/25/06	%CHG
Broilers	159,055	158,852*	+0.13	158,438*	+0.39
Cattle	630	624	+01	577*	+09
Hogs	2,006	2,000	0	1,962*	+02`

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 19-FEB-2007

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	155-159	161-165
MIDWEST MOSTLY	136-146	138-148

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	68.75-82.00	75.00-82.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	72.00-86.00	74.00-79.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	62.64 - 85.05
14 OZ.	69.12 - 96.39
16 OZ.	74.88 - 106.73

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT & WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Demand was good. Supplies were in balanced to instances close. Schedules were full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.60-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.55-.90.

DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 19-FEB-2007

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	122-146	130-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - February 20, 2007****AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY****

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.50 - .60
Chukars	- 3.25ea.
Pekin Ducks	5.00 - 6.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.70 - .80
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.90 - 1.00
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.90 - 1.05
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	1.20 - 1.30
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.90 - 1.00
Guinea Fowl	6.00 - 7.00
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 3.00ea.
Banty Hens	1.00 - 1.50ea.
Silgies	2.50 - 3.00ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.30 - .40
Pigeons	2.75 - 3.10ea.
White Pigeons	- 3.50ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	2.40 - 2.70
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.90 - 2.10
Bunnies	2.00 - 5.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	4.50 - 6.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.50 - .70
Total Coops Sold	320

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading for heavy cannery were too few to report; generally unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of both light and heavy cannery were mostly adequate for current needs with most available supplies of heavy cannery being used internally. Demand was at least moderate. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
21-31 MAJORITY 25-65	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
23-33.5 MAJORITY 28-30	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to fairly good for the generally adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4-12	8-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Costs required for disposal of leghorn fowl were limited and of insufficient volume to report prices. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were light. Salvage values were expected to remain steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices ranged unchanged to slightly lower. Demand was fair to good with offerings usually adequate for current processing needs. Schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4.5-9	5-9

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-FEB-07

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product was at least moderate. The undertone was steady to fully steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of heavy hens. Schedules were reduced. Sales of processed items were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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